trial to introduction of any evidence against him thereat "on the ground that the act of Congress of "June 13, 1898, commonly called the war revenue "law, is void, in so far as it imposes a stamp tax "on foreign bills of lading, upon the ground that "to that extent it is in conflict with that provision "of article one, section nine, of the Constitution of "the United States which provides 'No tax or duty "shall be laid on articles exported from any state'," and requested the court to so charge.

The objection and request were overruled and exception duly taken (rec. 8). To review the judgment on conviction, and solely upon this constitutional ground, the present writ of error has been sued out.

The importance of the question and the magnitude of the commerce affected thereby are evident. The early decision of this court thereon is essential for the correct guidance of the public and the federal officials charged with the duty of enforcing the law. It is hence respectfully submitted that the case should be advanced for argument at such early date as the court may direct.

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